

**RAIL STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**PROCESS GOAL, PRINCIPLES AND ASSUMPTIONS**  
**WORKSHEET PACKET**

This worksheet contains versions of the process goal, principles and assumptions redrafted to reflect discussion at Meeting 1. Please respond to each with the rating that best reflects your view of its acceptability as a goal, principle, or assumption for the process, using the following scale.

- 3 “I can support this as is” (from “Wholehearted agreement” to “I can live with this”)
- 2 “I can support this, but would like to see the following changes...
- 1 “I can not support this unless serious concerns are addressed as follows

For details of the discussion points reflected in the redraft, please see the report of the July meeting at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/rail/Plan/Minutes/DRAFTRSAC1Notes.pdf>.

Please note that the process goal, principles and assumptions are intended as working documents to guide the Committee in developing its recommendations. They will not form part of the final recommendations or report of the Committee.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Please complete this worksheet and return to Hal Beardall by email ([hbeardall@fsu.edu](mailto:hbeardall@fsu.edu)) or fax (850-644-4968) by Thursday, August 21, 2008. Your responses will be compiled and distributed for final review at the August meeting.

***Facilitators’ note***

*The following is a compilation of the worksheets completed and returned to the facilitator by Saturday, August 23, 2008. Responses were received from the following members: Ben Biscan, Tom Eschenberg, John Friedmann, Ann Gordon, Marion Hart, Jeff Koons, Lisa Mancini, Sally Mann, Scott Paine, Tom Pelham, Richard Schuler and Don Skelton. The responses have been compiled without attribution and will be used to guide and focus discussion on suggestions for improvement.*

## PROCESS GOAL

### Original Version

The goal of the Florida Rail Stakeholders Advisory Committee process is to create consensus recommendations that will be used to inform and guide the development of the 2008 Florida Rail System Plan. The consensus process, led by the Florida Rail Stakeholder Advisory Committee, will review trends, issues, and opportunities in passenger and freight rail transportation statewide and recommend policies to guide future investment decisions by the state.

*Committee Rating of Original Wording*    3s – 13                    2s – 7                    1s 0

### Alternative Version 1

The goal of the Florida Rail Stakeholders Advisory Committee process is to create consensus recommendations to inform and guide the development of the statewide 2008 Florida Rail System Plan in compliance with FS 341.302. The Florida Rail Stakeholder Advisory Committee, will review trends, needs, issues, and opportunities (local, regional, statewide and national, to the degree they affect Florida) in passenger and freight rail transportation and recommend policies to guide future state planning and investments in rail, and future integration of rail with other modes.

*Please Rate Revised Wording*

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| 3        | 2        | 1        |
| <b>9</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>0</b> |

### Alternative Version 2

The goal of the Florida Rail Stakeholders Advisory Committee process is to create consensus recommendations to inform and guide the development of the statewide 2008 Florida Rail System Plan in compliance with FS 341.302. The Florida Rail Stakeholder Advisory Committee, will review trends, needs, issues, and opportunities in passenger and freight rail transportation and recommend policies to guide future statewide and regional planning and investments in rail, and future integration of rail with other modes.

*Please Rate Revised Wording*

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| 3        | 2        | 1        |
| <b>7</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>0</b> |

Suggestions:

- Prefer Version 2, but give it a '2' to suggest the following changes:
  - Strike ~~FS 341.302~~ and replace with s. 341.302, Florida Statutes
  - In the second sentence, add an "s" to Stakeholders and strike the comma after Committee.
  - Add "transportation" between "other modes" at the end of the sentence.
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## DRAFT PRINCIPLES

Note: Alphabetical designation of principles and assumptions will be adjusted after final versions are adopted.

### Original Principle A:

The role of the Florida Rail Stakeholders Advisory Committee will be to develop and present consensus recommendations to the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation that will be used to inform and guide the development of the policy element of the 2008 Florida Rail System Plan.

*Committee Rating of Original Wording*    3s – 21                    2s – 0                    1s -- 0

No Revisions

### Original Principle B:

Recommendations of the Florida Rail Stakeholders Advisory Committee will be developed consistent with s. 334.046, Florida Statutes which provides that the prevailing principles to be considered in planning and developing an integrated, balanced statewide transportation system are: preserving the existing transportation infrastructure; enhancing Florida's economic competitiveness; and improving travel choices to ensure mobility

*Committee Rating of Original Wording*    3s – 5                    2s – 14                    1s -- 1

### New Principle B:

Recommendations of the Florida Rail Stakeholders Advisory Committee will be developed consistent with s. 334.046, Florida Statutes which provides ~~that~~ the prevailing principles to be considered in planning and developing an integrated, balanced statewide transportation system ~~are: preserving the existing transportation infrastructure; enhancing Florida's economic competitiveness; and improving travel choices to ensure mobility.~~

### New Principle B1:

Recommendation of the RSAC will be reflective of FDOT's mission to provide a safe, statewide transportation system that insures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity and preserves the quality of life of our communities..

*Please Rate Revised Wording (Please rate B and B1 as a single item, replacing the Original B)*

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Suggestions:

- A '3' with the following two corrections - in New Principle B, second line: "... with s. 334.046, Florida Statutes, which provides the ..."
- In New Principle B1: "Recommendations of the RSAC will be reflective of FDOT's mission to provide a safe, statewide transportation system that ~~insures~~ ensures the mobility ..."
- A '2' with the following suggestion in New Principle B1: "Recommendations of the Florida Rail Stakeholders Advisory Committee will be reflective of FDOT's mission to provide a safe, statewide transportation system that ~~insures~~ supports the mobility ..."

**Original Principle C:**

Policy recommendations of the Florida Rail Stakeholders Advisory Committee will address future mobility needs for both passenger rail service and freight rail service.

*Committee Rating of Original Wording*    3s – 18                    2s – 2                    1s -- 1

**New Principle C:**

Policy recommendations of the Florida Rail Stakeholders Advisory Committee will address existing and future mobility needs for both passenger rail service and freight rail service.

*Please Rate Revised Wording*

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| <b>12</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |

**Original Principle D:**

The 2008 Florida Rail System Plan should contain statewide policy guidance that can be carried out within a 20-year planning horizon and within revenues that can reasonably be expected to be available.

**New Principle D:**

The 2008 Florida Rail System Plan should contain a guiding vision that looks beyond the 20 year planning horizon, as appropriate depending on the trends, needs, and issues and opportunities under consideration. ~~statewide policy guidance that can be carried out within a 20-year planning horizon and within revenues that can reasonably be expected to be available.~~

**New Principle D1:**

The 2008 Florida Rail System Plan should contain statewide policy guidance that should ~~can~~ be carried out within a 20-year planning horizon ~~and within revenues that can reasonably be expected to be available.~~

**New Principle D2:**

The 2008 Florida Rail System Plan should identify and address funding needs for rail.

*Please Rate Revised Wording (Please rate D, D1, and D2 as a single item replacing the original D)*

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| 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 7 | 5 | 0 |

Suggestions:

- In New Principle D – strike ~~and~~ before “issues”
- In New Principle D – “The 2008 Florida Rail System Plan should ~~contain~~ reflect a guiding vision that looks within and beyond ~~the~~ a 20-year planning horizon, as appropriate, depending on the trends, needs, ~~and~~ issues and opportunities under consideration.”
- In New Principle D1 – “The 2008 Florida Rail System Plan should contain statewide policy guidance that ~~should~~ can be carried out implemented within a 20-year planning horizon.”
- In New Principle D2 – “The 2008 Florida Rail System Plan should identify and address funding ~~needs for rail~~ necessary to implement the Plan.”
- In New Principle D2 - “The 2008 Florida Rail System Plan should identify and address funding needs for passenger and freight rail systems.”



**Original Assumption C:** The Florida Rail Stakeholders Advisory Committee will consider Florida’s statewide planning framework including planning for other modes (Aviation, Seaports, Transit etc.), economic development plans, local government comprehensive plans, regional plans, and metropolitan planning organization plans and programs.

*Committee Rating of Original Wording 3s – 18                      2s – 2                      1s -- 0*

**New Assumption C:**

The Florida Rail Stakeholders Advisory Committee will consider Florida’s statewide planning framework including planning for other modes (aviation, seaports, transit, roads etc.), economic development plans, local government comprehensive plans, regional plans, ~~and~~ metropolitan planning organization plans and programs, and local state and federal land acquisition programs.

*Please Rate Revised Wording*

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| 3         | 2        | 1        |
| <b>10</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>0</b> |

Suggestions:

- In the second line, add a coma after framework and add transportation between “other modes”
- In the fourth line, add a coma between local and state
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**Original Assumption D:**

The Florida Rail Stakeholders Advisory Committee will present its final recommendations on the policy element of the 2008 Florida Rail System Plan to the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation in December, 2008. The policy element will comply with all requirements of Florida Statutes and contain a clear vision and goals for the future of rail transportation in Florida. The policy element will also contain a description of the rail system in Florida, outline the roles and responsibilities of the public and private sectors in providing rail service in the state, identify needs and funding issues, and recommend prioritization policies.

*Committee Rating of Original Wording 3s – 16                      2s – 6                      1s -- 0*

**New Assumption D:**

The Florida Rail Stakeholders Advisory Committee will present its final recommendations on the policy element of the 2008 Florida Rail System Plan to the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation in December, 2008. The ~~policy element~~Committee's recommendations will ~~comply with all requirements of Florida Statutes and~~ contain a clear vision and goals for the future of rail transportation in Florida, recognizing the differences between the public and private sector components of rail. The ~~policy element~~Committee's recommendations will also contain a description of the future rail system in Florida, outline the roles, ~~and~~ responsibilities and needed cooperation of the public and private sectors in providing rail service in the state, identify needs and funding issues, and recommend prioritization policies.

*Please Rate Revised Wording*

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| 3         | 2        | 1        |
| <b>10</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>0</b> |

Suggestions:

- Would like to see “current and” added before “future rail system” in line 7. The addition of “current” status to the description of Florida’s rail system will provide the opportunity to focus on maximizing current rail infrastructure within the framework of assessing the next steps for Florida’s rail system.
- A ‘3’ with the following changes:
  - in the third line delete the comma between “December 2008”
  - at the end of the seventh line delete ~~needed~~ and replace with necessary

**Original Assumption E:**

The Rail Stakeholders Advisory Committee, as appropriate, will consider reports of any drafting groups (appointed and charged by the Chair to develop draft recommendations on special issues) in shaping the Advisory Committee’s final consensus recommendations.

*Committee Rating of Original Wording*                      3s – 19                      2s – 1                      1s – 0

**New Assumption E:**

The Rail Stakeholders Advisory Committee, as appropriate, will consider reports of any drafting groups (appointed and charged by the Chair with guidance from the Committee to develop draft recommendations on special issues) in shaping the Advisory Committee’s final consensus recommendations.

*Please Rate Revised Wording*

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| 3        | 2        | 1        |
| <b>9</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>0</b> |

Suggestions:

- In the first sentence add Florida before “Rail”
- A ‘2’ with the following changes:
  - In line 1, ~~strike as appropriate~~
  - In line 2, add commas before and after “with guidance from the Committee”